

William Penrod -
son of Delosse Wells
Penrod, had a sawmill
in Wallburg

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

People, Places and Events

When events occur for the first time or when people achieve new things there is usually popular acclaim to remember the events or the people. There are many memorable "firsts" in Wallsburg, including the following:

The first school house and church building was constructed inside the fort area and Mrs. Lucina M. Boren was the first school teacher. The first school house outside the fort was the home of Martin Ford, and the first regular school building was on the property of George L. Batty. Miss Josephine Wall was teacher in 1859. Teachers who came to these first schools lived in the homes of Jennie Allred, Susan Davis, Amber Ford and Mrs. John Graham.

Some of the first musicians that played for dances were William Bancroft, dulcimer; George Allred, Amber, Martin and Alfred Ford, James Wheeler and William Davis who played the violin, organ and guitar.

Mrs. Polly Mecham was the first doctor in Wallsburg and used herbs as well as faith and prayer in caring for the sick. Mrs. Annie Mecham, wife of John L. Mecham, also was an early doctor in the area.

The first irrigation ditches were made by W. J. Boren and William Haws.

The first post office was directed by William E. Nuttall and the mail was carried on horseback and carriage by Dixon Greer. The mail route from Wallsburg was to "String Town" or what was later Harry Watson's farm near Charleston. Other postmasters included S. D. Greer, George Dabbling, George P. Garff, Della Mecham, Orpha Wall and Alice C. Graham. Mail carriers included Abram Penrod, Elijah Davis, Ray Boren, Ellis Boren, Willard Davis, John Wall and Roy V. Loertscher.

The first manufacturing was the production of shingles. Owner of the first shingle mill was William Nuttall. John Parcell, Enoch Richens and Elijah Davis also owned an early mill. There were many good lumber mills and carpenters, including William Ford and Martin Ford Jr., who were especially skilled at manufacturing caskets.

The first piece of machinery brought to Round Valley was a mower and reaper owned by Martin Ford, Sr.

The first shoemakers were W. J. Boren, William Haws and Luke Burdick. Mr. Boren was also a skilled cabinetmaker. Early stores were owned by Dick Camp, James Allred, Jacob Harris and Dixon Greer.

The first saw mill was owned by William Penrod, W. J. Boren and James Wheeler. William G. Nuttall and Daniel Bigelow also owned mills.

Martin Ford and William Stoker brought the first cook stoves to the valley. Prior to this all the cooking had been done in fireplaces. Cooking utensils consisted of a kettle on three legs, a bake oven and a deep frying pan 4 Aug. 1864.

Susann Wall, Enoch Gurr and John C. Greer were the first white children to be born in Round Valley 24 Feb. 1865.

Some of the first dramatists in Round Valley were Eathan A. Duke, Joseph Kerby, Polly Allred, Belle Penrod, Frank Allred, Mr. and Mrs. How Duke, Ezra Greer, Parley Ford, Earl Ford, Mark Kerby, William Ford, Gertrude Ford, John Whiting, Alfred Ford, Leone Allen, Myrtle Ford and some others.

SCHOOLS IN WALLSBURG

A combination church house and school building constructed of logs plastered with mud was the scene of the first classwork in Wallsburg. Mrs. Lucina M. Boren taught in the small building which was located inside the fort walls.



The Wallsburg School constructed in 1904 from red sandstone and still in use.

When the community expanded outside the fort, Martin Ford's home was used as the school and Aaron Thomas, a Christian minister, served as the teacher.

Later, a combination school house and dance hall was built on property owned by George L. Batty. A second school house was built a few years later and boasted two rooms of red sandstone construction. The present school was built in 1904 by Edd Snyder, and also was of red sandstone. When the building was constructed the town was bonded for \$4,000, but the indebtedness was soon paid off and \$1,500 in cash was turned over to the Wasatch County School District when Wallsburg District was discontinued and all county schools were consolidated.

Lucina Mecham Boren began teaching in the winter of 1865 and these teachers followed: Josephine Wall Rogers, Dixon Hamlin Greer, Richard Cecil Camp, George Pickup, F. W. Hattenbrook, Aaron Thomas, all before 1875. Then D. Camp Wray, Richard J. Nuttall, Ada Glenn,

JOHN CAMPBELL AND
MARION JANE TODD



John Campbell was born 9 September 1853 in Kilburnie, Ayrshire, Scotland. He was the son of Thomas Campbell and Janet Davis.

When he was two years old, he was brought by his parents to Utah.

His childhood was spent in southern Utah. They came to make their home in Heber when he was 12. Here he worked as a

herdsboy. He was still in his early years when his family moved to Almy, Wyoming, for a period of time, and it was his responsibility to drive two yoke of oxen into this country.

When the family returned to Heber, the older boys had the responsibility of earning money for the family needs. All the boys did some prospecting. John was successful in locating a paying property which he sold. The family held a conference and it was decided that with part of the proceeds of this sale they would buy a shingle mill in Pole Canyon. Such a venture would provide employment for all the family members, including his sisters.

For a number of years, John Campbell maintained a very successful shingle business. It has been listed as one of the successful pioneer industries.

During the time he was operating the shingle mill, John procured some farming land and a modest herd of cattle. He built a lovely home for his parents and was able to help with other projects.

On March 19, 1890, he married Marion Jane Todd. She was the daughter of Thomas Todd and Margaret Shankland. She was born in Heber March 19, 1861, just a year after the Todd family moved into the valley.

After his marriage, John Campbell spent his time as a farmer and stock raiser.

He died in Heber November 28, 1898.

Marion Campbell was a dressmaker before her marriage. She was active in Church work. For many years she was secretary in the Primary. Later she was a counselor in the Heber Third Ward Relief Society. She died in Provo, Utah, October 20, 1922.

Their children: Mazie, married James Claude Knell, Jennie, Hugh J., who died an infant.

*Pole Canyon
Shingle Mill
& Sawmill and
operated by
John Campbell,
Joseph Davis Campbell
& William Campbell
bunched Shingles
for them.*

Poulson Sawmill
Samuel Jones worked
there (see HBUM p 522)

